

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2947
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CENTRAL SALES TAX ON PHARMA RAW MATERIAL
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Sales Tax on pharmaceutical raw material and medicines in the Gujarat is 2.2 percent vis-À-vis in other States of India; and

(b) if so, the reasons for this disparity and steps taken by the Government to immediately stop this imbalance in the rate of Central Sale Tax, which is effecting growth of pharmaceutical industry in other States?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM)

(a) & (b): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.